Neglect of Orissa in Railway Expenditure

1455. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of total revenue earned from the South Eastern Railway during 20012002;

(b) whether it is a fact that Orissa is contributing a good amount of revenue to the Railways;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that in comparison to other States, Orissa is neglected by Government as far as Railway expenditure is concerned; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Total revenue earned (i.e. total ernings) by South Eastern Railway during 2001-2002 (upto January) is Rs. 5824.35 crore.

(b) and (c) State-wise contribution of revenue and railway expenditure is not maintained.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Coal Transported by Railways

1456. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a bulk of coal transported by the Railways accounts for a major percentage of total rail traffic in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total quantum of coal transported from Orissa by the Railways during the last year;

(d) whether it is also a fact that increase in railway freight rate is adversely affecting the coal price in competing with imported coal; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details are as under:

(In million tonnes)

Year	Total Revenue Traffic earning	Total Coal Traffic	%Share of coal traffic to total revenue traffic
1999-2000	456.42	209.96	46.0
2000-2001	473.50	223.69	47.2

(c) During the year 2000-01, 31.77 million tonnes coal was transported by rail from Orissa State.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Funds to Kerala from Special Railway Safety Fund

1457. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2075, given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th December, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Kerala Government has asked for allotment of Rs. 500 crores from the Non Lapsable Special Railway Safety Fund; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) The works to be undertaken from the Special Railway Safety Fund have been identified by a select committee set up by the Railway Ministry. These works have been listed in the Budget document titled Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme for 2002-03, Part III. The allotment to works/projects in the Railway Budget is made zonal Railway-wise depending on the progress of each work and likely milestones to be achieved during the year, and not state-wise. The allotment would also depend upon the funds available from year to year.